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SUBJ: OUTER SPACE RESOLUTIONS--US EXPLANATION OF POSITION

1. FOL IS TEXT OF STATEMENT BY US REP KUCHEL IN UNGA FIRST COMMITTEE ON OCT 18 GIVING US VIEWS ON REGISTRATION CONVENTION AND OMNIBUS RESES WHICH WERE LATER ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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I HAVE ASKED FOR THE FLOOR AGAINST IMPLY TO STATE BRIEFLY MY COUNTRY'S SUPPORT FOR THE TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS BEFORE US. THOSE RESOLUTIONS WERE NOT YET INTRODUCED WHEN I SPOKE EARLIER THIS WEEK. I HAVE EARLIER EXPRESSED THE SATISFACTION WHICH THE UNITED STATES FEELS ON THE COMPLETION OF THE REGISTRATION CONVENTION, AND WE NOW, OF COURSE, FAVOR ITS APPROVAL BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THE OMNIBUS RESOLUTION INCLUDES MANY IMPORTANT PROVISIONS WHICH WERE NEGOTIATED AT CONSIDERABLE LENGTH, BY A WIDE VARIETY OF STATES, WITH MANY DIFFERENT INTERESTS. WE BELIEVE THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION CONTAINS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISES ON THE SUBJECTS WITH WHICH WE ARE

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DEALING IN THE ARENA OF ACTIVITIES IN OUTER SPACE.

THE UNITED STATES HAS EXPRESSED ITS VIEWS ON THOSE SEVERAL SUBJECTS IN THE PAST, AND I WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO REITERATE THEM NOW. I SHOULD, HOWEVER, WISH TO MENTION THREE BRIEF POINTS. THE UNITED STATES IS HIGHLY GRATIFIED WITH THE GROWING INTEREST AMONG STATES IN SEEKING NEW WAYS IN WHICH THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE CAN PRODUCE BENEFITS FOR THE WELFARE OF ALL OF US HERE ON EARTH. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT INCREASED EFFORTS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS TO APPLY THOSE BENEFITS, MUST FOCUS FIRST OF ALL ON ENSURING THAT SUCH PROGRAMS ARE CONDUCTED WITH THE MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS POSSIBLE.

FINALLY, I WOULD NOTE THAT THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE WORK OF THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE, CONTAINED IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE VIEWS MY COUNTRY EXPRESSED REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2916 DURING THE 27TH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY.

WITH THESE UNDERSTANDINGS, THE UNITED STATES FAVORS THE ADOPTION OF THIS DRAFT OMNIBUS RESOLUTION.

THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN. UNQTE
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